

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jun Wei, Reg. No. 55,717 on 1/16/09.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

claim 1, line 13, after "retrying," please insert --only--;

claim 7, line 13, after "retrying," please insert --only-- and after "transaction" insert --and each subsequent read transaction--;

claim 10, line 9, after "that," please insert --only--; line 12, replace "nonmodifying" with --modifying--; and line 13, replace "nonmodifying bus transactions complete" with --modifying bus transaction completes--;

claim 15, line 11, after "that," please insert --only--; line 13, replace "shared resource" with --system memory--; line 14, replace "nonmodifying" with --modifying--; and line 15, replace "nonmodifying bus transactions complete" with --modifying bus transaction completes--; and

claim 17, line 6, after "that," please insert --only--; line 12, replace "the status indicator" with --each status indicator of the plurality of status indicators--; line 13,

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replace the first appearance "nonmodifying" with—modifying—and replace "if the nonmodifying bus transactions complete" with –if the modifying bus transaction completes--.

3. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: figs. 4A and 4B, after block 408 and before block 410, insert block –retry nonmodifying bus transactions for the same shared resource--. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Denise Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-4189. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Thursday, and an alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sough Hyung can be reached on (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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